

The Central Visitor

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Mark Your Calendars: VBS is happening in-person!!

June 11-12, 9 am through 12 noon

2-day, in-person VBS!

Ages 5 years through 5th grade

Pre-registration required: capacity 40 children

Registration forms will be available later. Look for updates.

Central Christian Church will host a two -day VBS this year. We need your help. Please check out the volunteer descriptions on pages 1 & 3 and respond with your desired role by 3.9.21. Email: tmiller@cccdisciples.org or call 217.428.4336.

VBS will be held in the Sanctuary and the Great Hall only. Classroom-style lessons with leaders at the front of the room. Social distancing and safe practices will be exercised.

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book (the Bible). They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

VBS Knights of the North Castle: Volunteer Descriptions 2021

Decorations Leader: 1

Cast the decorating vision to the decorating team.

Delegate work to decorating territories.

Oversees the décor vision.

Decorate the Sanctuary.

Decorate the Great Hall.

Door Greeter (front table): 3

Check-in all who attend. (Covid-19 safety measures).

Greet children and adults as they arrive.

Hand out children's bags on first day.

Direct them to the Great Hall.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP IN-PERSON
(SANCTUARY) AND LIVE STREAMED
ON WWW.CCCDISCIPLES.ORG
AT **8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
IN-PERSON (GREAT HALL)
AND ON FACEBOOK LIVE
AT **9:15 a.m.**

Change

Text: Mark 10:46-52

Michael E. Karunas

If you aren't available to volunteer at VBS, you can also support VBS by:

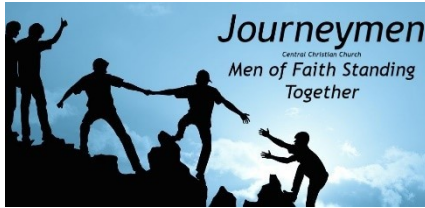
- Donating items when lists are published.
- Helping assemble children's bags (the week of VBS).



We rejoice with the Clark family at the birth of Ethan Michael Clark, born on February 26th, 2021, to Matt Clark and Deborah Fulk-Clark.

March 27

In-person Craft Gathering registrations are now open! Please register by 3/19/21. 40 spots are available. Use this link to register: <https://www.cccdisciples.org/childrens-craft-workshop-registration-page/>



Journeyman Men's Bible Study begins NEW discussion topic

Both groups are beginning a new study, Good Man or GODLY MAN? The focus will be on the Scriptural perspective of the characteristics and traits for becoming a Godly man. The Tuesday group meets from 7 – 8 a.m. The Thursday group convenes from 4 – 5 p.m. All men...ages 13 and above...are invited to join us!



Sunday, March 7th, 2021
7:45-9:30 teams

Front table: Donna Dash,
Carolyn Sunderlik
Usher: Karma Lynn Carpenter,
David Martin

9:30-11:30 teams

Front table: Janet Lyman,
Christine Lyman-Harm
Usher: David Martin &
Doug Soebbing
Elders: Bruce Campbell,
David Wagner
PA: 8:00 Donna Dash
10:30 Mike Kirby

Your Faith in 60 Seconds

Pretend that someone asks you "Why are you a Christian", and you have 60 seconds to share your answer with them. What would you say? This is not a time to quote your favorite scripture or what you love about the church. Like John the Baptist (John 1:29-36), it is the time to talk about what you have seen and experienced. I want to offer this very challenge today and it may be the most important one we've ever done – "Your faith in 60 seconds." Why 60 seconds? There is nothing magical about this number, yet on the one hand, people may tend to tune out after 60 seconds. Moreover, if it takes us over 60 seconds to say something profound and compelling, it may be a sign we haven't given enough thought to our answer.



This is how I closed the sermon this past Sunday. The final 60 seconds of the message consisted of my answer to that question. Here it is:

I am a Christian because the teachings of Jesus are, for me, the best way to build and organize any community or society. His teachings are the best examples of mutual respect and the truth that everyone is worth loving. At the same time, we are all broken by sin. Because of that, terrible and painful things happen in the world. I see that brokenness and feel that pain in myself. Being a Christian doesn't deny these things, but finds hope in the midst of them. That's what the cross of Jesus represents for me. Jesus died on the cross, but rose to live again. And this shows me that though God never causes our pain, God promises to be with us in it, and to lead us through it. I am a Christian because the cross of Jesus the Christ is the best expression of this hope I need; that I believe we all need.

I would like to challenge you to do this exercise over the next week or so. Not only that, I would love for you to email your answer to me personally (mkarunas@cccdisciples.org) or to central@cccdisciples.org. I envision us sharing our responses with one another; posting videos of us speaking our 60-second answers "to camera." For this – sharing Christ with our words – could be an untapped potential for us at Central. It could open doors of vibrancy and vitality heretofore unknown to us. So please, join me in sharing our own personal 60-second testimony of why you are a Christian.

Blessings - Michael

VBS Volunteer Descriptions (continued from page 1...)

A/V tech: 1

Plays songs/music video during session openings.
Ensures lights/sound and microphones are turned on and work.
Location: Sanctuary

Social Communications Tech: 1

Create social media group for attendees, volunteers, and families.
Daily photos.
Daily social media posts.
Pic. Script to show and post at the end of the event.
Location: Sanctuary/Great Hall

Snack Helpers: 2

Assist with snack and drink distribution.
Help wipe down tables at the end of each session.
Location: Great Hall

Music Station Leaders: 2

Stand under big screen in Sanctuary.
Lead children in singing songs.
Lead children in song motions.
Songs will be played on big screen; you would mimic children on the screen.
Location: Sanctuary

Bible Story Reader (for each session-2 per day): 2

Read story starter.
Read Bible story (option 2).
Closing prayer for Bible story.
Introduce Activity books and printables.
Location: Great Hall

Bible Story Helpers: 3

Assist in activity book and printable oversight.
Create printable copies (in church workroom).

Craft Leader: 1

Create craft materials list.
Create 1 of each craft prior to VBS (as examples).
Lead children in making crafts.
Show them how to do it from the front of the room.

Helpers: 3

Assist craft leader.
Assist children who need help.
Location: Great Hall

Crew Leader: 8

Stay with a crew (group) of children. Help lead them from space to space.
Help collect children's bags at the end of day 1 and distribute bags at the begin. of day 2. Potentially 8 groups of 5 children.



Sunday (7)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
10:30-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall
4:00-Youth Group

Monday (8)

5:00-Mark's Gospel group, Sanctuary
5:30-Women's Book Club, C. Café

Tuesday (9)

7:00-Journeymen, Connection Café
9:00-Christcare Stitchers, Disciples Room
5:00-Stewardship Comm., C. Café

Wednesday (10)

10:30-Ministers' Meeting
5:00-Elders

Thursday (11)

10:00-Alanon, Disciples Room
4:00-Journeymen 2, Connection Café
5:30-Koinonia, Connection Café
6:30-Millikin Tech Set Up & recording, Sanctuary

Friday (12)

4:00-Millikin recording, Sanctuary

Saturday (13)

9:00-Faith Quest

Sunday (14)

8:00-Traditional Worship, Sanctuary & Live Stream
9:15-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall & Facebook Live
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12:00-Praise Team rehearsal, G. Hall
4:00-Youth Group

Counting On You

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Total worshipping online = 284

Total worshipping in-person = 153

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 Jim Denzer.....Caretaker
 Andrew Evans.....Caretaker
 Toby Jones.....Caretaker



Happy Birthday!!
(3/7—3/13)!

Carole Baumann, Jim Bednar, Janelle Beedle, Louise Boline,
 Leona Bray, Arya Clark, Dee Dee Gain, Sandy Garver,
 Mark Kincaid, Mary Jane Linton, Joslin McLemore,
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February 1st, 2021:
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